May 2010 301-773-8360



#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

by Mayor Julia Mosley

Call 301-773-7891 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.

#### TOWN ELECTION

Monday, May 3, 2010

Polls open 7:00AM to 8:00PM Community Center 6401 Forest Rd





#### **MEMORIAL DAY**

Monday, May 31, 2010

OFFICES CLOSED—NO TRASH PICKUP

#### TOWN ELECTION BALLOT FOR MAYOR

Mike Callahan — Tom Foley — Micah Watson

CHEVERLY WINS MML ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR 2010 - Cheverly has won the 2010 Maryland Municipal Leagues 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Achievement Award in the medium town population category for the Cheverly Police Department's Volunteer Resident Radio Program. Chief Robshaw will be accepting the award at the annual MML Convention in Ocean City in June.

Since becoming Chief, Chief Robshaw has instituted many innovative programs that have resulted in the Town's crime rate going down for the third year in a row--20% this past year. His C-PACT (Cheverly-Citizens and Police Together), Cheverly's Neighborhood Watch Organization and the Cheverly Watch Resident Radio Program are all important components of his effective public safety program. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will read about how our Cheverly Police Department, working with C-PACT and the Radio Program members apprehended suspects and subsequently solved more than 100 burglaries County wide

that have occurred over the past 2 years. MML recognized Cheverly's Resident Radio Program as an innovative public safety tool that has contributed in Cheverly's drop in crime for the third year in a row, a program that other municipalities can emulate. Chief has funded this all-volunteer program almost entirely with grants and revenue from the sale of vehicles donated to the Department by Cheverly residents. The dedication of these radio holders has been spectacular and the participants, Police Department and C-PACT members really demonstrate what community policing is all about.

Cheverly has won the annual MML Award in the past for innovative programs. Almost twenty years ago, late Councilmember Patricia Glaser, the person who spearheaded the effort, accepted the award on behalf of then Mayor Alan Dwyer and the Town for being the first municipality to use signers for the hearing impaired at the televised meetings.

The Town also won for the Fontana Lithograph (now Mosaic Printing) urban renewal project which had been a blighted abandoned piece of property and is now a jewel in Cheverly's crown---and a significant contributor to Cheverly's financial health. Cheverly was the first municipality to request and receive condemnation authority from the State of Maryland which the Town then used to condemn and purchase the property. We then worked with Fontana to rehabilitate and develop the property under an innovative lease-purchase agreement. Cheverly won again for the creation of Pinkey's Park which also started as an abandoned and dangerous property just outside Town. Cheverly's lawsuit against HUD, the owner of the property and the first time this Federal agency had ever been sued, resulted in national changes in how HUD handled properties around the country and spurred the creation of the *Good Neighbors Program.* This program allows municipalities to purchase HUD properties for \$1 if the properties have been abandoned for an extended period of time. This is exactly what Cheverly did and then refurbished the park with a 100% grant from the State of Maryland.

Congratulations to Chief Robshaw, his staff and all the members of C-PACT and the unsung and unnamed members of the Cheverly Resident Radio Program who have had such a positive impact on the safety of Cheverly residents. Thanks to Town Administrator David Warrington for his support of the program and preparing the nomination application for MML.

## CHEVERLY POLICE SOLVE OVER 100 COUNTY WIDE BURLGARIES

Many residents may have read in the Gazette and other newspapers about the arrests and subsequent solving of numerous Cheverly burglaries and over 100 County wide by the Cheverly Police Department. Please read Chief's Robshaw's detailed article on this in *The Message From* the Chief section of this newsletter for the details of these arrests. What you won't read in Chief's message is just how hard our PD has worked to solve these break-ins and how difficult it has been for our officers the past few months. While Cheverly's crime rate remains low, these burglaries have plagued residents and our Department. Chief and our officers have been working overtime--often around the clock--even sleeping on the floor of the Police Station's conference room. They have taken these breakins personally as they do with all crime in Town--but the long hours were taking a toll on the officers and their families. By altering shifts, putting officers in plain clothes and working hand in hand with residents and the radio holders Chief and his staff were able to arrest this very professional group of criminals. After a lengthy vehicle and foot chase involving eight Cheverly officers, County officers, a number of residents and two Resident Radio members helping to track the suspects, one suspect was apprehended. This led to a search warrant and the recovery of stolen property.

Most Cheverly burglaries in the past two years, including one at my house, may well be closed as a result of these arrests. In addition, as many as 100 burglaries in Seat Pleasant, University Park, College Park and other towns may also be closed. In fact, our Community Center and PD Station parking lots looked like Grand Central Station for all the other agencies assisting with our investigation and piggy backing on Cheverly's investigation. The Chief has said repeatedly that he had the full cooperation of the County Police Department and at a future time he and the Council will invite key County PD members to publicly thank and commend them for their assistance. He has also said that without the help of the residents and radio holders this would not have happened. To Chief Robshaw and the entire Police Department--a job really well done. The Town Council and I want to extend our heartfelt thanks.

#### **CHEVERLY FY2011 BUDGET**

The Mayor and Council have been working on the FY2011 Budget for the past several months and despite some significant cuts in State revenue, the Town's financial health looks very good. Prior to the April Worksession, where some items may change, the Town's fund balance at the end of this year (FY10) is expected to be \$1.94 million. With an expected \$190,000 drawdown for FY11, the ending fund balance at the end of 2011 would be \$1.75 million. The FY11 budget is a bit more complicated this year because of the first year of expected speed camera revenues and expenditures.

Significant items in the budget include a 2% COLA for Town staff, the complete repaying, with all curb/gutter, traffic calming and tree planting for 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue: \$158,000, \$25,000 for additional curb and sidewalk repair around Town, shrub/tree plantings, park bench repairs and electrical upgrades to Legion Park: \$55,000, additional ADA restrooms in the Community Center: \$75,000, Community Conference Room rehab with fireproof archival storage for Town historical records: \$40,000, three new Police cruisers: \$90,000, and three new trucks for Public Works totaling \$162,000. (Some of the vehicles being replaced are as old as 1989). In addition a \$4,000 shed for the Cheverly Community Gardens in Boyd Park and piece of snow removal equipment to aid in removing snow from the sidewalks leading to Metro. Some of the Public safety items will be funded in part by speed camera revenue. If the Town gets some grants that we still do fully expect to receive, we will be building a stage at the Town Park with 75% coming from Project Open Space and 25% from our budget.

Cheverly's tax rate continues to be one of the very lowest in the County and our services continue to be the best in the area--perhaps the State. The budget is on line on the Town's web site or residents can get a copy at the Town Hall.

## SAVE THE DATE!!CHEVERLY DAY AND THE CHEVERLY DAY DANCE MAY 21 AND 22

Cheverly Day is Saturday May 22nd and volunteers are still needed to help the Cheverly Day Committee make this event another success. Cheverly Day weekend starts off with another Cheverly Day Prom on Friday night from 8-midnight at the Community Center--tickets are still available but selling fast. Tickets are available at the Community Center in advance for \$10 or \$100 for a table of 10 Thanks to Councilmember Emily Tevault and her committee for chairing this event. She needs volunteers for set-up Frid afternoon and clean up after the dance Sat. night and she can be reached at <a href="mailto:councilmemberward6@cheverly-md.gov">councilmemberward6@cheverly-md.gov</a>. The week before, the Cheverly Tennis Tournament is back and will be held on Saturday May 15. Contact Vice-Mayor and long-time Cheverly-Day Co-Chair Micah Watson at micahwatson@Cheverlyday.com to register.

All of the other rides and activities that make Cheverly Day so much fun are back--look elsewhere in the newsletter for all the details. The Cicada Crunch 5K race is back as there is no parade this year (we have the labor intensive parade every 3 years). Also back is 3 on 3 basketball sponsored for the first time by The Cheverly Police Department. Our thanks to Chief Robshaw, Officer Webb and the entire department for taking on this project on perhaps the busiest day of their year. Officer Webb can be reached at (301) 341-1055. Cheverly Day will end with our famous fireworks and the Mayor's Award and the Jack Wheat Award being presented to deserving staff, volunteers and residents.

But the hardworking committee members still need volunteers as everything but the fireworks is all-volunteer and self-funded. If you can't volunteer, send a contribution to The Cheverly Day Committee c/o Town Community Center, 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, MD 20785. To volunteer call Nick D'Angelo at (301) 341-2656 or <a href="mick@cheverlyday.com">nick@cheverlyday.com</a>. Thanks to Nick and his committee for their year-round efforts to bring us a great Cheverly Day.

PROPOSED WEEKEND CLOSINGS OF THE CHEVERLY METRO STATION AVERTED - The Mayor and Council and Cheverly residents were surprised and outraged with the proposed weekend closings of the Cheverly Metro Station. The Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) proposed the changes as a cost cutting measure. The Town sent a strongly worded letter to WMATA and contacted all our elected leaders from the County and the State, vowing to fight these changes which would result in negligible savings for Metro but substantial loss of access to Cheverly residents. I am happy to announce that the proposed closings have been averted as announced by State Senator David Harrington at the April Town Meeting. Our thanks to Senator Harrington and

State Delegates Jolene Ivey, Delegate Victor Ramirez, Delegate Doyle Niemann, County Councilmember Andrea Harrington for working on the Town's behalf. Thanks to all the Cheverly elected officials, residents and members of Cheverly organizations that demonstrated in protest at the Cheverly Metro Station.

## CHEVERLY COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET ON CHEVERLY AVENUE AGAIN!

The Cheverly Farmers Market is gearing up for the 2010 season. On Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>, the Farmers Market will again be on Cheverly Avenue. The Avenue will be closed to traffic for the morning and all the vendors will be setting up their booths. It is a great time to "walk the Avenue", meet your neighbors and support the Market. Mark your Calendars!



# THANK YOU EVERYBODY WINS! DC THE WASHINGTON REDSKIN FOUNDATION AND MALCOLM KELLY

Everybody Wins! DC coordinated the Redskins Read book drive, which reached its 3,200 book goal of books donated for distribution to elementary students.

EW!DC picked up boxes from the Largo, Friendship Heights and Germantown Borders stores this weekend and a presentation ceremony was held on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Gladys Noon Spellman. Mayor Julia Mosley and Councilmember Michael Callahan were on hand to represent the Town. Redskin wide receiver Malcolm Kelly discussed the importance of reading to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mr. Kelly was gracious enough to read a portion of one of the variety of books provided and then signed every book selected by every student. The Spellman students received 110 books.

The Town of Cheverly extends a special thanks to EW! DC and Operations Manager Vinny Hughes for including Gladys Noon Spellman as one of three schools in Prince George's County to receive this gift.

#### Message from the Chief



A BIG THANK YOU TO THE CHEVERLY COMMUNITY!!!! On March 22, 2010, the Cheverly Police Department in concert with numerous

Town residents, Resident Radio Users, and other neighboring police agencies initiated the pursuit of three Breaking and Entering (B&E) suspects in the vicinity of Forest Road and Valley Way. After a substantial chase, in which a number of Cheverly residents played vital roles, one suspect was apprehended and property/evidence from two recent Cheverly burglaries were immediately recovered. This chase started a chain of events that eventually led to the closure of perhaps as many as 100 B&E's, two arrests, and the seizure of a great many property items taken in other crimes in Bladensburg, Hyattsville, College Park, University Park, Berwyn Heights, and the Seat Pleasant area of Prince George's County.

While it is always an important story when the police make significant arrests and close outstanding criminal cases, the closure of these crimes takes on even greater interest because of the dynamic role of Cheverly residents. In the midst of the police foot pursuit, several unidentified residents walking in the area pointed out the route of the fleeing suspects to responding officers, while others recovered discarded, stolen bicycles used by the suspects, while others still used their vehicles to aid the police in tracking the fleeing suspects. This outstanding example of resident/ police teamwork exemplifies the community spirit of Cheverly and the willingness of Cheverly residents to actively participate in crime reduction and quality of life improvement. It is especially heartening to note that two resident radio users made significant contributions to the arrests of the offenders and aided the police at a critical juncture in the case.

Finally, I would like to thank all the victims and witnesses who have so willingly cooperated with the police during the pursuit of these cases. Significant progress was made because of the attention to detail in reporting these crimes and because so many of you were willing to assist the police in identifying property items that ensure successful future prosecution.

**24 HOTLINE TELEPHONE NUMBERS:** The CPD has obtained two cell telephones so that investigators can be reached 24 hours per day to report potential suspect or

reached 24 hours per day to report potential suspect or crime information or provide confidential information on outstanding cases. The telephone numbers are 301-789-5090 and 301-789-8551. Please be advised that these numbers are not for the reporting of emergencies or calls for service.

**STAY LEWD:** LEWD is an acronym that stands for Lock Every Window and Door. Even though the Department and the community can take great pride in the recent B&E arrests, there are other criminal groups out there looking to prey on Cheverly. Please continue to follow these five simple steps:

- 1. Appear to be home. Leaving a radio playing so that someone who approaches your home at the front door can hear it.
- 2. Employ lighting in your back yard. Most Cheverly B&Es occur from the back of unlit or poorly lit residences.
- 3. Record the serial numbers of laptops, cameras, and other electronic equipment, and carefully photograph expensive jewelry items. This information is critical in tracking your stolen property.
- 4. Keep your vehicle panic alarm (on your key chain) next to your bed at night. If you believe someone may be trying to enter your home, activate the panic alarm and call the police immediately.

Dial 9-1-1 if you see a stranger in your and your neighbor's yard, alley, or private property.

C-PACT/CHEVERLY WATCH RESIDENT RADIO PROGRAM MEETING – There will be a joint meeting of C-PACT (Cheverly – Citizens and Police Together), Cheverly's Neighborhood Watch Organization, and the Cheverly Watch Resident Radio Program on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 7:00 PM in the Police Department Conference Room.

WE NEED YOUR VEHICLE DONATIONS – Vehicle donations in 2009 enabled the Department to purchase new firearms, Tasers, Town radio equipment, and other equipment items. In order to continue this trend toward purchasing new equipment, the Department needs more donated vehicles. In addition to selling these vehicles, the Department is now looking for surveillance vehicles to supplement SRT operations in 2010. The biggest advantage to donating your vehicle to the Cheverly Police Department in lieu of a number of other worthy causes is that you can actually see your donation dollars at work.

## Crime Report for January 2010 (All Addresses Are in Hundred Blocks)

Total Arrests for the Month: 57
Total Traffic for the Month: 362

Total Crime (Difference, March 2009-2010): 10%

900 Chev Oaks Ct	Vandalism
100 Landover Rd	B&E/Resid
300 Belleview Ave	Theft
300 Landover Rd	Theft
700 Belleview Ave	Vandalism
800 Landover Rd	Theft
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2055 Hrs	2300 Crestlawn Dr	B&E Resid
Unk Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Stln Veh/Acura
1830 Hrs	2500 Parkway	B&E (Arrest)
Unk Hrs	4800 Lydell Road	Theft
2105 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Assault (Arrest)
Unk Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	B&E/Resid
2311 Hrs	2200 Cheverly Ave	Robbery
Unk Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
2005 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft (Arrest)
Unk Hrs	2300 Belleview Ave	B&E/Resid
1441 Hrs	6200 Chev Park Dr	B&E/Arrest
2354 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	B&E/Resid
0431 Hrs	6000 Arbor Street	Robbery
1615 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Assault (Arrest)
1625 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Assault (Arrest)
	Unk Hrs 1830 Hrs Unk Hrs 2105 Hrs Unk Hrs 2311 Hrs Unk Hrs 2005 Hrs Unk Hrs 1441 Hrs 2354 Hrs 0431 Hrs 1615 Hrs	Unk Hrs 6300 Landover Rd 1830 Hrs 2500 Parkway Unk Hrs 4800 Lydell Road 2105 Hrs 6300 Landover Rd Unk Hrs 6300 Landover Rd 2311 Hrs 2200 Cheverly Ave Unk Hrs 6500 Landover Rd 2005 Hrs 6500 Landover Rd Unk Hrs 2300 Belleview Ave 1441 Hrs 6200 Chev Park Dr 2354 Hrs 6300 Landover Rd 0431 Hrs 6000 Arbor Street 1615 Hrs 6300 Landover Rd

**TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS** – Residents who Email their traffic complaints, i.e., speeding, stop sign violations, parking complaints, etc., get put onto a list right away and service is usually directed toward these problems within a week. My Email address is policechief@cheverlymd.gov. This same address can be used to notify me about issues in your neighborhood that need police attention. In lieu of an email, please feel free to contact me at (301) 341-1055.

RIDE ALONGS – Please consider riding along with a Cheverly police officer in the coming year. It is the best way to learn about crime in Cheverly, about the Department's response to it, and it also allows you to be part of the crime prevention effort in Cheverly. Thank you in advance for your support.

#### **Cheverly RECREATION COUNCIL** is

proud to sponsor the *John Dent Wilson College Scholar-ship*. This is a \$500 scholarship awarded to a Cheverly Resident who is enrolled full-time In an academic or vocational post-secondary education program for the 2010-2011 academic year.

For information call Judy Deleonibus 301-386-4251 or judydeleon@aol.com



#### **ACTIONS TAKEN**

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

#### Town Meeting - April 8, 2010

- ☐ Motion CM Tevault to adopt the Proclamation declaring May 2010 as Peace Month in Cheverly. Seconded CM Eldridge. Approved 5-0. CM Johnson absent.
- ☐ Motion CM Callahan to pass Resolution R-5-10 Amending the Urban Renewal Plan and moving that we not take any action for 4 months. Seconded CM Watson. Failed 2-3. CM Johnson absent.
- ☐ Motion CM Tevault to table this matter until the next Town Meeting. Seconded CM Watson. Approved 5-0. CM Johnson absent.
- ☐ Motion Cm Callahan to Program April 7th as Arbor Day. Seconded Cm Eldridge. Approved 5-0. CM Johnson absent.
- ☐ Motion CM Eldridge to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract with F&F Landscaping for the provision & installation of trees on a per tree basis with a maximum not to exceed \$15,000. Seconded CM Watson. Approved 5-0. CM Johnson absent.

#### TENTATIVE AGENDAS

#### Town Meeting - May 13, 2010

- ☐ Swearing in of new Mayor
- ☐ Adoption O-3-10, Amending Personnel Section
- ☐ Discussion FY 11—Operating Budget & Capital Improvement Program
- ☐ Discussion Amending Urban Renewal Plan—5901 Medical Terr.

Meeting Agendas are updated on website: www.cheverly-md.gov and on Cheverly cable channel 71.

Town Meetings broadcast LIVE on Cable 71 & Fios 35. Rebroadcast every day at Noon, 6 PM & 10 PM

**CHEVERLY - REC COUNCIL** May meeting is Tuesday, May 25th at 7 PM in the conference room of the Community Center. Topic will be the summer playground and any other unfinished business.

#### DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTON DRUGS/

**MEDICATIONS** - Take unused, un-needed or expired non-controlled prescription drugs out of their original prescription bottles to protect your personal information. Crush medication and place in an impermeable, non-descript container such as an empty can or sealable bag. Mix with coffee grounds, dirt or kitty litter and discard with regular trash. Liquid medication may be handled in the same fashion.

Take advantage of community pharmaceutical take-back programs that allow the public to bring unused drugs to a central location for proper disposal. The following companies have been identified as accepting prescription drugs for proper disposal. It is recommended to call in advance to verify availability of take-back option. You may also check with your local pharmacy.

- CVS Pharmacy: 5780 Silver Hill Road in District Heights, 301-736-3992
- CVS Pharmacy: 7012 Marlboro Pike in Forestville, 301-736-8683
- CVS Pharmacy: 8201 Annapolis Road in New Carrollton, 301-577-6222
- CVS Pharmacy: 5922 Martin Luther King Highway in Seat Pleasant, 301-925-9054
- CVS Pharmacy: 10692 Campus Way South in Upper Marlboro, 301-336-2900
- Walgreens Pharmacy: 7953 Crain Highway in Glen Burnie, 410-969-3417
- Supreme Pharmacy, LLC: 7936 Johnson Avenue in Glenarden, 301-322-8082

## ANIMAL ORDINANCE CODE VIOLATIONS:

- Animals running at large.
- Failure to pick up fecal waste when walking dog.
- Excessive noise.
- Unsanitary conditions on private property.
- Confined in heat.
- Failure to license a dog/cat.
- Failure to display license and/or current rabies tag.



Arbor Day Celebration - On April 7, 2010 the Public Works Department planted a cedar tree on the island at Crest Ave in honor of Arbor Day. Mr. Hubert Guest a resident was there to help us celebrate.

**Need help with YARD WORK?** To assist our elderly, and other residents who need help with yard work, Cheverly maintains this list of teenagers who are interested in being hired for mowing lawns, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc.

Cheverly teenagers can call the town office at 773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list.

Vavior Dinknov	240-478-4622
Xavier Pinkney	
Dorian Dixon	301-322-1075
Max & Jake Allegra	301-322-4952
James Porcari	301-341-2471
Xavier Milam	301-583-1028
Emmanuel Mitchell	301-773-6863
John Pooley	301-537-6819
Andrew Teel	301-386-0049
Ben Hartmann	301-772-6596
BYron Bamigbade	301-583-1028
Andrew Priest	301-772-6028
Ashley Priest	301-772-6028
Malik McAdoo	301-864-0735
Tyreq McAdoo	301-864-0735
James Kernan	301-772-6553
lan Sullivan	301-341-5284
Jack Alkire	301-772-0110

301-772-6160

Jeyrell Holbert



#### Farmers Market Opens May 29!

Cheverly Community Market will reopen for the season on Saturday morning, May 29, from 8-12 in the Community Center parking lot.. Welcome back local produce vendors, old and new, as we move to a true "every other week" schedule from May to October 30. Check us out on our website



www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com to see our lineup, get answers to your questions and read our blog. And get ready for "Market on the Avenue" on Saturday, June 12, in front of Legion Park. For questions, comments or to volunteer, contact: <a href="mailto:cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com">cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com</a>

The Cheverly Green Home and Garden Tour is Sunday, June 13 from 1pm to 4pm. This year the tour will be self-guided so you can visit the sites that interest you most. The Tour starts at the Community Center where you can pick up a flyer with a map of the sites and descriptions. We have some wonderful homes that will demonstrate what Cheverly homeowners have done with solar heating and electricity, permeable driveways, native gardens, and the latest energy efficient foam attic insulation. In addition, we will include sites showcasing community gardens, recycling and composting. A \$5 donation is suggested to help defray costs and includes a raffle ticket to win a free compost bin. The tour is hosted by the Cheverly Conservation Alliance, made up of Progressive Cheverly, the Cheverly Garden Club, and the Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek. If you have questions, contact Dave Kneipp at kcandave@verizon.net.

Cheverly Soccer Club - Heads up! The 2010 edition of the CSC Challenger Soccer Camp is fast approaching. It will be held June 21-25 at Town Park. Information and online registration are available through the Club's web site: www.cheverlysoccerclub.com. Parents interested in participating in some capacity: camp monitor, planner, host family for one of the British coaches, are invited to contact Camp Director Jennifer Allegro (301.322.4952).

**The Woman's Club** is planning a Cheverly Community Day of Peace for Peace Month on Sunday, May 23. We invite everyone to come celebrate peace and have a fun and inspiring day. We'll meet at 2:30 p.m. at Legion Park (Cheverly Ave. & Forest Rd.) and walk to Legion Hall. You can go straight to Legion Hall if you'd like. There will be a peace program that is child and family friendly and food. Tables for vendors are available for \$15. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a table, please contact Lillian Wilson, 301-772-3341. Also, look for reminders and additions to the Peace Month calendar weekly on the Cheverly Exchange. If you'd like to include an additional activity or event or even peaceful thoughts or quotes, contact Joyce Lang, 301-773-2211 or joycelang@verizon.net. If you have access to another list serve in town, please feel free to forward the messages.

We hope you'll participate in Peace Month and help grow seeds of peace in yourself, your family, our community and the world.

The Cheverly Garden Club wants to see YOU at our ANNUAL PLANT SALE on Saturday, May 8, 2010, beginning at 8 AM!! Remember, the Garden Club plant sale is the best place to get plants that you know will grow in your garden, because they are donated by other gardeners right here in Cheverly! Plus, our prices are unbeatable!!

Thanks to the leadership of Oliver and Cynthia Smith, the Garden Club will be continuing its annual service project of corsages for families of fallen police officers on Friday, May 14, at 6:30 PM at the Cheverly United Methodist Church. The corsages will be given out that weekend as part of National Police Week.

In lieu of our regular meeting, the Club will hold its annual potluck picnic for members and guests at the Town Park on Monday, May 17th, starting at 6:30 PM.

Thanks also to everyone who stopped by our table at the

Thanks also to everyone who stopped by our table at the Flea Market last month – we had a lot of fun discussions about gardening, and some great sales too!

For more information on any of these events, or for membership details, contact Michael Giese, club president, at 301-773-7318 or <a href="may-9588a@msn.com">mg9588a@msn.com</a>. The Cheverly Garden Club welcomes new members at all times.

#### **Progressive Cheverly -** All welcome.

Elections - If you are reading this before the polls close at 8 pm on May 3 – be sure to cast your vote for Mayor of Cheverly! And now tune in to more 2010 elections. The races for County and State offices are just getting under way. These elections are all for four-year terms.

Progressive Cheverly is hosting a series of forums for you to meet the candidates, ask them questions and form your opinions. All candidate forums held at Hoyer School, 2300 Belleview Ave in the cafeteria.

Meet candidates for our 47th District State Delegate seats-- Thurs, May 6, 7:00pm. Voters elect 3 delegates for terms in the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis. Confirmed participants to date: Incumbents Jolene Ivey and Doyle Niemann and challengers Diana Fennell, Wanda Shelton-Martin, Michael Summers and Lamar Thorpe.

Meet candidates for Prince George's Cnty Executive, Monday, May 10, 7:00pm. This is a critical race that will help shape the future of our County. There is no incumbent. Come hear from the candidates. Confirmed participants to date: Rushern Baker, Michael Jackson, Tony Knotts, Gerron Levi, Henry Turner, Jr.

Meet candidates for 47th District State Senate seat --Thur, June 3, 7:00pm. Confirmed participants: Incumbent David Harrington and challenger Victor Ramirez.

Peace Month - Progressive Cheverly's 3rd Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace -- Sunday May 7th, 10:00am. Meet in front of the Community Center as we honor the original Mother's Day message of peace and reconciliation begun after the Civil War. We'll walk to the peace pole on the Woodworth Trail and then to the peace rock at Pinkey's Park. Feel free to bring an appropriate reading or song.

For more information about Progressive Cheverly, and the 2010 elections, visit us on the web at <u>progressive</u>-cheverly.org.

Look for our table at Cheverly Day, May 22.

CAPS would like to announce that Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School is holding a Pre-K/Kindergarten Open House on May 3, 2010, 9:30 to 10:30. All prospective parents are welcome, even if it will be several years before your child is old enough to attend. You do not need to sign up to attend. Please call 301-925-1944 if you have any questions.

#### **Cheverly Parents Resource Center -**

Attention all mothers and grandmothers! On **Saturday**, **May 15th**, take some time for yourself. Enjoy a casual evening catching up with other Cheverly moms--no husbands or kids allowed!

Celebrate Peace Month by spending time at home as a family. On **Sunday, May 16th**, sit down with your children and talk with them about what peace means to you, to them, and to the community.

On Saturday, May 22nd visit the CPRC's Tots' Corner at Cheverly Day -- a special place for children under 5 to run, play with toys, and draw (an adult must be with the child). Children of all ages are welcome to stop by the table for more fun treats!

**New Baby?** CPRC members often provide dinners to help families as they adjust to the lovely chaos a new little one brings. E-mail Meals Coordinator Amy Whitesel at <a href="mailto:meals@cheverlyparent.org">meals@cheverlyparent.org</a> for help organizing. The CPRC also provides small gift baskets to new families and children in town. E-mail Welcome Coordinator Laura Thomas at <a href="mailto:welcome@cheverlyparent.org">welcome@cheverlyparent.org</a>.

As always, we welcome all Cheverly families with young children to join us for weekday playgroups every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Gast "Cheese" Park in nice weather or at the Community Center in cold or inclement weather.

Visit <u>www.cheverlyparent.org</u> for the latest information on these and other upcoming events.

#### Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan May

Events - The presentation of the preliminary Green Plan recommendations, which incorporate feedback received over the past 1.5 years from community organizations, local citizens, committee members and working groups, was postponed from April to a future Town Council meeting. We will announce the rescheduled date soon. In the meantime, all are welcome to attend our upcoming monthly meetings to hear about the purpose and opportunities of implementing the Cheverly Green Plan. And, check out our booth at Cheverly Day on May 22nd! Green Plan Committee Monthly Meeting Monday, May 3, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m Cheverly Community Center. Mark your calendar for the June Green Plan monthly meeting, which will be held on Monday, June 7. For more information visit the Green Plan website at http:// cheverlygreenplan.googlepages.com/home.

#### **Communication and Technology**

**Committee** - The Town of Cheverly Communication and Technology Committee is seeking your suggestions and participation. The committee was established after discussion among the Mayor and Council about ways to better harness technology to improve information sharing between the Town government and residents and between Town officials and staff. The two working premises of the committee are: (1) more informed communication and information sharing with residents, enhances the legislative process and the operations of government and expands residents' appreciation for the role of their local government, and (2) we live in an era where such information sharing is both expected and easy to accomplish utilizing current information technology. The committee made several initial recommendations to the Mayor and Council, which have been adopted and will be implemented, but we know there is more to be done and are seeking your ideas. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 20th at 7:30 pm in the conference room at the Community Center. We will be discussing ways to enhance access to information on the Town's web site. Come if you can. For more information or to submit suggestions, contact Norman Oslik, noslik@verizon.net, (301) 322-5272.

See Cheverly Young Actors' Guild perform "Seussical the Muscial"...at the Publick Playhouse on Thursday, May 13 at 7:30 pm; Friday, May 14 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, May 15 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm, and Sunday, May 16 at 2 and 6:30 pm (earlier on Sunday because of school the next day). This is a very fun show (for kids ages 3 to 99) and is not to be missed! It's an all-kids cast, made up of ages 5-8 in the preshow, and ages 7-18 in the main show. Tickets are being sold by the Publick Playhouse at 5445 Landover Road in Cheverly (phone 310-277-1710 or TTY 301-277-0312), with VISA and MasterCard accepted. Tickets are \$10 for children age 12 and under; \$12 for seniors and students: and \$14 for adults. Principal roles are doublecast, so if you want to see a particular actor, be sure to ask the actors family which show they are performing in. Cheverly Young Actors' Guild (CYAG) is a nonprofit organization sponsored by the Cheverly: Recreation Council. For more information, please visit our website at www.cheverlyyoungactors.org or email co-producer Joani Horchler at horcpool97@aol.com.

Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek invites you to volunteer at their regular end-of-the-month work session on Saturday, May 29 between 9 am and noon. We will meet at 9 am at the tot lot on Wayne Place in Cheverly (intersection of Wayne Place and Cheverly Park Drive). Work gloves and snacks will be provided. For more information, contact Joani Horchler at <a href="https://horchool97@aol.com">horchool97@aol.com</a> or at 301-322-2620.

## CM R.J.Eldridge is sponsoring an event Commemorating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

As part of a regional celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (May), Cheverly's own Dottie Li will be giving a talk for new Asian immigrants to help them adapt and assimilate into today's American culture so they can be better neighbors, more productive at work and will benefit both personally and the community. Some of America's top scientists, researchers, and doctors are not native born, and many more immigrants are taking on roles as executives, managers and highly skilled technical professionals. However, many of these foreignborn professionals struggle to overcome the day-to-day cultural and communication barriers standing between them and their career goals. This free event is open to all Town residents. It will help current and aspiring professionals learn the steps for building an influential network of professional contacts. The session spotlights the top reasons many people are uncomfortable with networking. And it guides you to avoid the most common networking turnoffs and learn what not to say when making requests of others. Discover how to create a positive lasting impression with your introduction. Be ready to be inspired and motivated as you discover and release your natural ability to build professional relationships and opportunities. Bring a friend, or two!

TIME: May 15, 2010, 2-4 pm

LOCATION: Cheverly Town Conference Room

May 2010 - Cheverly Peace Month						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
YOGA ON THE MALL On the 2nd Sunday of every month (9th), weather permitting, 17th street side of Wash. Monument Jeanne and Chandra Robinson 301-773-5220 free	LET'S BUILD THE BELOVED COMMUNITY TOGETHER.  Participate in this year's Month of Peace and grow seeds of peace in the world.  "The future will depend on what we do in the present." (Gandhi)  "We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means." (King)  Weekly reminders and additions will be posted on the Cheverly Exchange.			1) WEEKDAY NURSERY & MOTHER'S DAY OUT Truck Touch for Peace Methodist Church 10 a.m.		
2) WILDFLOWER YOGA PEACE MONTH KICK-OFF Kelly Fisher Legion Park 4:30-5:30 p.m. all levels Meditation Circle for Peace Methodist Church 6 p.m. both free - all welcome	MAYOR - Community Center polls open	4) Today,  choose to be aware of the words you use.	5) Today,  work to help others resolve differences.	6) PROGRESSIVE CHEVERLY  Forum for State Delegates Judith P. Hoyer 7 p.m.	7) ST. AMBROSE CHURCH Fair Trade Coffee info & orders Jim Goeke-Morey jimgm20@hotmail.com	8) ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET Peace Action Montgomery Together we can act for peace. www.peaceactionmc.org
9) PROGRESSIVE CHEVERLY  Mother's Day Walk Community Center to Peace Garden 10 a.m.	10) PROGRESSIVE CHEVERLY  Forum for County Executive Judith P. Hoyer 7 p.m.	11) Today,  work on forgiveness.	12) Today,  talk less and listen more.	13) CYAG "Seussical" Public Playhouse Peace Month is in the playbill and announced at each performance May 13-16	14) "RETHINK AFGHANISTAN" dvd showing and discussion rsvp lstand@ verizon.net (dvd can be borrowed) 7:30 p.m.	15) MT. RAINIER DAY Mt. Rainier is also celebrating a Month of Peace in May organized by Little Friends for Peace
16) METHODIST CHURCH Service and Liturgy for Peace - 11 a.m. CPRC members are planning family peace discussions & activities	17) Today,  let go of your anger, fear and hate.	from the heart.	19) "Rocks With Wings" Special basketball dvd A journey of the Spirit teens and adults 6424 Forest Road 7:00 p.m. rsvp joyce-lang@verizon.net	20) Environmental Committee of Progressive Cheverly meeting & peace poem reading	21) CHEVERLY DAY DANCE  Community Center Buy tickets soon Look for details	22) CHEVERLY DAY  Look for details
	24) "RYAN'S WELL" Inspirational dvd Ages 4+ to adult 6424 Forest Road 7:00 p.m. Rsvp joyce- lang@verizon.net	25) Today,  look for opportunities to be a peacemaker.	26) Today,  take time to admire and appreciate nature.	27) Today,  reflect on what peace means to you.	28) Today,  plant seeds of peace.	29-31) MEMO- RIAL DAY WEEK- END  Honor our fallen military by working for peace.

#### **STAY INFORMED**

Did you know that you can subscribe on the Town's Website to receive notices and alerts? If you were a subscriber you would have received the Police Department's alert regarding Breaking and Entering or the Code Enforcement alert that ticketing was about to begin on unshoveled sidewalks. Concerned about getting too many emails from the Town? Don't worry, on average only one or two per month, in addition to the two Town Meeting Agendas are sent. Stay in the know and sign up today.

#### Cheverly Dance - Friday, May 21

Come kick off your shoes and dance the night away to music by Cheverly's own Dino and Friends on Friday, May 21 from 8:00 pm – 12:00 am. Tickets are on sale now for \$10.00 per person, and the only thing we ask is that you bring a food dish to share. Tickets can be purchased at Town Hall or from a member of the Dance Committee. Start brainstorming now to win the "Best Decorated Table" contest! Please contact Emily Tevault at councilmemberward6@cheverly-md.gov if you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to assist with planning, set-up, or clean-up.

## CHEVERLY DAY 2010 IS SATURDAY MAY 22

The **Cicada Crunch** 5k run and 2k fun walk is back! You can register online right now at <a href="https://www.cheverlyday.com">www.cheverlyday.com</a>. Registration is \$25 for the race and \$10 for the walk and free for children 12 and under. The race maps are available at:

www.cheverlyday.org. Day-of race registration starts at 8 AM and the race and walk both start at 10 AM. If you are interested in volunteering or supporting the 5k, please contact Steve Short at cicadacrunch@gmail.com. The Cheverly Police Department is running the 5 on 5 basketball tournament this year. Officer Webb can be contacted at (301) 341-1055.

The **Midway games** and inflatables will all be back! - Moonbounce passes are \$5 for all the bouncing, climbing and sliding you can handle. Presale of passes will start at 12:45. Midway game tickets are \$0.50 each. The midway will be open with both carnival games and moonbounces, inflatables and other activities from 1 PM - 5 PM on Cheverly Day.

LIVE MUSIC will be on the main stage throughout the day. Featured Bands will include: Elements of Cosine, Humdingers, In Da' Cut, Proverbs and The Greentop Ramblers. Check the website for additional information and timeslots.

Food vendors include: Good Times Catering, the Boy Scouts' Grill, Jeanne's Snoballs, CUMC Pizza, St. Ambrose Beer Garden, and strawberry shortcake to benefit the Cheverly Community Market..

The Watkins Park Bird's of Prey exhibit will be joining us again this year.

Come support all of your favorite town organizations and county public services who will be joining us for information tables and demonstrations. A current list can be found on the Cheverly Day website.

Don't forget the *FIREWORKS* will be featured shortly after sundown!

The Tennis Tournament will return on Saturday May 15 (one week before Cheverly Day.) Contact Micah at micah@cheverlyday.com to register and for more info.

Please submit your best photo(s) of Cheverly by May 15 in order to be included in the display in the lobby at town hall. High resolution pictures can be emailed to nick@cheverlyday.org or dropped off at the town.

Go to <a href="www.cheverlyday.com">www.cheverlyday.com</a> to learn more. Call Nick at 301-341-2656 or email nick@cheverlyday.com if you have ideas and can help out. Please consider sponsoring Cheverly Day with a financial donation. We need your support!

#### **Cheverly Day Sponsors**

Cheverly Day 2010 is made possible by the generous support of our community:

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 301-773-2666

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WEB SITE: www.cheverly-md.gov

Email "Contact The Town" button at the Website

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## Meetings & Events

Mon	May 3	7:00 AM	Mayor Election
Tue	May 11	7:00 PM	Planning Board Meeting
Thur	May 13	8:00 PM	TOWN MEETING
Sat.	May 22	<b>CHEVER</b>	LY DAY
Mon	May 25	7:00 PM	<b>REC Council Meeting</b>
Thur	May 27	7:30 PM	WORKSESSION

#### CHEVERLY WEBSITE cheverly-md.gov

You can easily contact the Mayor and Council through their town email accounts. There are also links at the Mayor and Council page of the website.

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#### TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON Town Wide
MON East side
TUE West side
WED Town wide
THU East side
FRI West side

YARD WASTE
Regular Garbage Pickup only
RECYCLING (blue or yellow bins)
Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)
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**BAMBOO** is picked up with Thursday/Friday Special Trash

Residents should place trash at the curb after 7:00 PM the day before pickup.

Trash must be placed in cans with tight fitting lids to ward off rodents.

**HOLIDAYS?** Public Works crews DO NOT work on holidays. Collections on holidays are **CANCELLED**.

**ELECTRONICS** are picked up on **Wednesday** with recycling